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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN PRESS WARNS AGAINST AIDING MAURITANIA

1. ON APRIL 16, GOA ARABIC-LANGUAGE DAILY "ASH-SHA'B"
CARRIES EDITORIAL LARGELY DEVOTED TO MAURITANIAN POLICY
IN SAHARA. PIECE RECITES FAMILIAR LITANY OF OULD
DADDAH'S AND KING HASSAN'S SINS, NOTABLY ASSISTANCE
THEIR OCCUPATION OF SAHARA HAS GIVEN TO IMPERIALISM AND
INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM.

2. IN DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PRACTICE, EDITORIAL CON-
CLUDES WITH WARNING TO THOSE WHO ASSIST MAURITANIA.
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SUCH ASSISTANCE, IN PAPER'S VIEW, WILL BE CONSIDERED AS
RECOGNITION OF MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN FAIT ACCOMPLI IN
SAHARA AND AS CONTRADICTION OF DECLARATION ADOPTED AT
ALGIERS STEADFASTNESS SUMMIT. AID ALREADY "POURING
INTO MAURITANIA," NOTABLY FROM CERTAIN ARAB STATES,
DOES NOT, IN PAPER'S VIEW, REACH MAURITANIAN CITIZENRY
AND IS USED ONLY TO PURCHASE WEAPONS FOR USE AGAINST AN

ARAB PEOPLE.

3. COMMENT: "ASH-SHA'B" EDITORIAL SEEMS INTENDED FOR
LIBYAN EARS DURING OULD DADDAH'S VISIT THERE. IT IS
CLOSEST THING TO CRITICISM OF LIBYAN POLICY TO HAVE
APPEARED IN ALGERIAN MEDIA SINCE BEGINNING OF SAHARA
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